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Subject: FW: Bradford Island discussion with HQ this week
Attachments: bradford-URS2011DataRep.pdf; bradford-mid-columbiaNR.pdf

Hey Bob,

Just need to check in with you on these reports – they show very high concentrations in tissue – is the a report that ODEQ accepted? I'm just wondering how we missed this in our assessment (HRS) , which relied heavily on the RI. Is this report for real? PCBs in 2013 in bass of 65,000 ppb...

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Attached are 2 documents I pulled off the ODEQ website. The website also has the RI. The map which indicates the PCBs levels in fish tissue across the State is in paper form. I placed a copy of it under Wally's door. Our scanning machine is not working properly today so I have not been able to forward a copy to Ken.

In looking through the sampling results from 2011, I see that PCBs were found above screening levels in 16 fish (bass – for example at 13,000, 27,000, 29,000 and 65,000 ppb), 4 clams (at up to 1,200 ppb) and all 7 sediment samples (at up to 1,900 ppb). I also see that arsenic was found above screening levels in fish, clams and sediments, and mercury was found above screening levels in every fish sampled (38). Seems like good data to include in briefing materials.

Richard

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Thanks Wally,

In terms of providing any specific data in briefing documents, and especially for the listing package, the data must come from official reports that have been validated. I haven't seen the information from the Tribe, but if Richard can provide it to me, perhaps it has references listed that I can check to make sure we haven't missed any sources of data. All the data we are using was generated by the Corps – assessments, removal actions, RI, fish tissue, etc. It is possible we missed a source so I want to ensure we have everything.

Thanks, Ken

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Hi Richard,

Thanks for sharing this letter. It certainly hammers home the issues that the Yakama Tribe and others have stated in the recent letter request for us to list the site. I'm assuming you guys are sharing this information between you as I'm guessing it would or could be included in the listing package. I don't see mention of the PCB contaminant levels in the letter and am also assuming Ken has all the site technical information as well. If this is not the case, please let me know.

While this will certainly be a collective effort in the next many months, I just want to be sure Ken is the central point for the site information as he is the lead for listing.

As always, I appreciate your contributions on the project.
Wally

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I am attaching a 2016 letter from the Yakama Tribe to the USACE. 3 years ago the Tribe was upset by the poor work being done by the USACE and was concerned about exposure to toxic substances through fish consumption. I also just saw data summarized by the Tribe indicating the fish in the vicinity of Bradford Island have had PCB levels in tissue at 8,000 to 650,000 ppm. Those are levels I have seen in transformer and capacitor oil itself. If Chris is not committed to moving this matter along for a proposed listing in the Spring of next year, then either he is uninformed or lacks concern for the health of Tribal members.

What "form" do you want the staff recommendation to take?

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Also – on the “aggressiveness” question, I have not gotten a clear sense from Chris on where he is. My objective is to understand what career staff are collectively advocating for. Ie, if we collectively think a spring 2020 proposal is possible and advisable, let’s formulate that recommendation.



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Yes, got it! Thanks.

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Wally – you, Ken, Beth, and Richard should have an invite on your calendars for tomorrow morning. HQ set up, so let me know if you can’t see. Sheila and I will be attending from Crystal City.



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Hi David and Sheila,

I haven't heard whether this meeting was happening for us/you this week. Do you have any information to share? Also, I don't think Ken and I are necessarily essential to this meeting, but we are standing by if needed. I'm flying back to Seattle this evening from Anchorage and working Th and Fri.

Lastly David, do you have a sense of whether we will be aggressive and going for the expedited listing (proposed rule) this Spring? If so, it does require us to expedite contracting and prioritizing workload in R10.

Hope all is well in DC.

Wally